

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a material suitable for a transparent lens comprising polymerizing an epithio group-having compound (a), a polythiol compound (b) and a polyisocyanate compound (c) wherein the ratio (by mol) of polythiol compound (b) to polyisocyanate compound (c) is at least 1.75 calculated on the basis of -SH and -NCO groups, and wherein the polyisocyanate compound (c) comprises at least one sulfur-containing polyisocyanate compound.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the polyisocyanate compound (c) is a mixture of at least one sulfur-free polyisocyanate compound and at least one sulfur-containing polyisocyanate compound.

4. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a material suitable for a transparent lens comprising polymerizing an epithio group-having compound (a), a polythiol compound (b) and a polyisocyanate compound (c) wherein the ratio (by mol) of polythiol compound (b) to polyisocyanate compound (c) is at least 2 calculated on the basis of -SH and -NCO groups, and wherein the polyisocyanate compound (c) is sulfur-free and comprises at least one sulfur-free polyisocyanate compound.

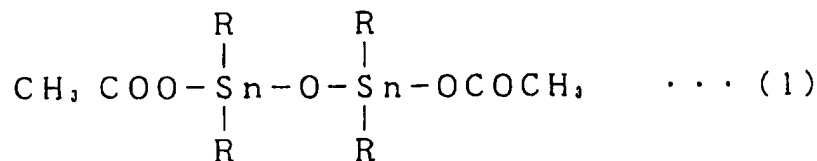
5. (Previously Presented) Process according to any one of claims 1, 3 or 4 comprising polymerizing from 60 to 85% by weight of the epithio group-having

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compound (a), from 15 to 40% by weight of the polythiol compound (b), and the balance polyisocyanate compound (c).

6. (Previously Presented) Process according to any one of claims 1, 3 or 4 wherein polymerization is conducted in the presence of a catalyst of the following general formula (1):



wherein R indicates an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

7. (Original) Process according to claim 6 wherein the catalyst of formula (1) is at least one selected from tetramethyldiacetoxy-distannoxane, tetraethyldiacetoxy-distannoxane, tetrapropyldiacetoxy-distannoxane and tetrabutylldiacetoxy-distannoxane.

8. (Original) A transparent lens for spectacles made of a material obtainable according to the process of claim 1.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A transparent lens for spectacles according to claim 8 wherein compound (a) is bis(β -epithiopropyl) sulfide, compound (b) is bis(mercaptomethyl)-1,4-dithian, and compound (c) is bis(isocyanatomethyl)-1,4-dithian.

11. (Original) A plastic lens for spectacles made of a material obtainable according to the process of claim 3.

12. (Original) A transparent lens for spectacles according to claim 11 wherein compound (a) is bis(β -epithiopropyl) sulfide, compound (b) is bis(mercaptomethyl)-1,4-dithian, and compound (c) is a mixture of bis(isocyanatomethyl)-1,4-dithian and di(isocyanatomethyl)bicycloheptane.

13 (Original) A transparent lens for spectacles made of a material obtainable according to the process of claim 4.

14. (Original) A transparent lens for spectacles according to claim 13 wherein compound (a) is bis(β -epithiopropyl) sulfide, compound (b) is a mixture of (4-mercaptomethyl-2,5-dithianyl)methyl disulfide and bis(mercaptomethyl)-1,4-dithian, and compound (c) is dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate.

15. (Original) A transparent lens for spectacles made of a material obtainable according to the process of claim 5.

16. (Original) A transparent lens according to either claim 11 or 13, wherein the sulfur-free polyisocyanate compound (c) is at least one of di(isocyanatomethyl)bicycloheptane and dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate.

17. (Previously Presented) A transparent lens according to either claim 8 or 11, wherein the sulfur-containing polyisocyanate compound is bis(isocyanatomethyl)-1,4-dithian.

18. (Currently Amended) A transparent lens according to claim [[8]] 11 wherein the polyisocyanate compound (c) is selected from di(isocyanatomethyl)bicycloheptane, bis(isocyanatomethyl)-1,4-dithian and dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate.

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19. (Original) A transparent lens according to claim 11 wherein the polyisocyanate compound (c) is a mixture of bis(isocyanatomethyl)-1,4-dithian with at least one of di(isocyanatomethyl)bicycloheptane and dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate.

20. (Previously Presented) A transparent lens according to any of claims 8, 11 or 13 wherein the polythiol compound (b) is at least one of bismercaptomethyl-1,4-dithian and (4-mercaptomethyl-2,5-dithianyl)methyl disulfide.

21. (Previously Presented) A transparent lens according to any of claims 8, 11 or 13 wherein the epithio group-having compound (a) is bis(β -epithiopropyl) sulfide.

22. (Original) A transparent lens according to claim 8 which is coated with a hard film of an organosilicon compound.

23. (Original) A transparent lens according to claim 22 wherein the hard film is further coated with an anti-glare film of an inorganic substance.

24. (Original) A transparent lens according to claim 23 wherein the anti-glare film is further coated with a water-repellent film of a fluorine-containing silicon compound.

25. (Original) A transparent lens according to claim 8 which has a refractive index of from 1.65 to 1.76.